

A regular meeting of the Council of the City of Bedford, Virginia, was held in the Council Hall of the Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m., September 13, 1994.

Members present: Mayor G. Michael Shelton; Vice Mayor Larry D. Brookshier; Councilwoman Joanne A. Grahame; Councilwoman Linda Kochendarfer; Councilman Payton M. Otey; Councilman Ronnie C. Rice; and Councilman W. D. Tharp.

Members absent: None.

Staff present: City Manager Jack A. Gross; City Attorney W. W. Berry, IV; and Clerk of the Council Teresa W. Hatcher.

Mayor Shelton opened the meeting and led all present in saying the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Mayor Shelton declared that the minutes of a regular Council meeting held on August 23, 1994, were approved as distributed.

City Manager Gross reported that there is a bad bearing in the main shaft of one of the generators at the Snowden Hydroelectric Plant. Mr. Gross indicated that the generator will be repaired this week.

Vice Mayor Brookshier stated the first neighborhood meeting was held on September 12 on Vine Street, with over thirty people in attendance. The Vice Mayor attended along with Councilman Rice, City Manager Gross, Director of Planning & Community Development Scudder, and Chief of Police Graham. It was indicated by the Vice Mayor that he would prepare a written report of the meeting and send it to Council.

The Vice Mayor reported that members of Council will be available to take comments from the public during Centerfest '94 at a special booth to be set up in front of the Presbyterian Church.

Discussion ensued regarding the erection of signs designating the City as a Certified Industrial Development Community. The City Manager stated that the signs have been received and will be put up.

The Consent Agenda consisted of the following item: Appointment of Ann Waldron, Route 1, Box 28, Bedford, Va.; Carol McMillan, Route 1, Box 274, Thaxton, Va.; and Thelma Arthur, 1239 Oakwood Street, Bedford, Va., to the Keep Bedford Beautiful Commission for three-year terms, said terms to expire June 30, 1997.

On motion by Councilwoman Grahame, seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously, the Consent Agenda was adopted.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

## **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF**

**BEDFORD DAY CARE CENTER FOR ADULTS AND**

**THE BEDFORD COMMUNITY HEALTH FOUNDATION, INC.**

**WHEREAS**, the Bedford Day Care Center for Adults, a division of Bedford County Memorial Hospital, began in October 1992 with a seed grant of \$43,000 from the Bedford Community Health Foundation; and

**WHEREAS**, this facility provides supervision, companionship and care to elderly and disabled adults who are unable to provide for their own needs, thereby allowing their primary caregivers to work, shop or keep appointments; and

**WHEREAS**, this care is provided at a cost of \$25 per day and scholarships are available to those who cannot afford this charge; and

**WHEREAS**, in August 1994 Carilion Health System and the Bedford County Memorial Hospital decided to close the Center because it has lost money since it began operations; and

**WHEREAS**, during the Council meeting of August 24, 1994, caregivers, volunteers, concerned citizens and staff of the Center apprised Council of the dilemma that would be caused if this facility closes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bedford Community Health Foundation has offered assistance to help keep the Center open, including Foundation staff time to help with identification of prospective participants, preparation of grant applications, involvement in securing a Veterans Administration contract and identifying eligible veterans, involvement in a community appeal for donations for the Center, and assistance with the expansion of the Center's volunteer program. In addition, the Foundation has offered to help with media coverage of the Center and to provide funds to purchase available literature on successful adult care operations, and, if the Center is kept open, to advance an additional \$5,000 from the Betty Pannell Wright Scholarship Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Council is concerned about this issue and believes that, with assistance from the Bedford Community Health Foundation the Day Care Center for Adults can remain a viable part of the community's health care network.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of Bedford supports the Bedford Day Care Center for Adults and the efforts of the Bedford Community Health Foundation to ensure its continued operation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this Resolution be mailed to the Board of Directors of Bedford County Memorial Hospital and to Carilion Health System.

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote, Council approved the resolution:

Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

City Manager Gross stated that Bedford Main Street, Inc., is requesting permission to block the following streets for Center-fest '94 from 7:00 a.m. on September 24 to 2:00 a.m. on September 25:

West Main Street to Center Street; South Bridge Street to Washington Street; East Main Street to South Street; and North Bridge Street from the Bridge Street parking lot to Depot Street.

On motion by Vice Mayor Brookshier, seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously, Council granted permission to Bedford Main Street, Inc., to block the aforementioned streets from 7:00 a.m. on September 24 to 2:00 a.m. on September 25, 1994.

The City Manager stated that a letter has been received from Pamela Cox, Fitness Director of the Bedford Area Family YMCA, requesting permission to close the following streets from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on December 3, 1994, for the Annual Peaks of Otter Christmas Classic foot race:

Ashland Avenue from the Primary School to Lake Drive; Lake Drive to Peaks Street; Mountain Avenue and College Street.

The City Manager stated that the Police Department, Fire Department and Lifesaving Crew will be notified of this request and provided with copies of a map showing the route of the race. The YMCA will be responsible for sending to residents of the area a letter regarding the street closings. Provision will be made by the Police Department for residents to enter or leave the area as necessary.

Councilwoman Grahame moved that Council approve the closing of the named streets for the Peaks of Otter Christmas Classic. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously.

City Manager Gross stated that Council had received a memorandum from James Ervin, Parks & Cemeteries Supervisor, requesting approval of the proposed design for a plaque to be installed at a rededication of Fairmont Cemetery sometime in October. The plaque will be 12" x 18" with a decorative border and will be cast in bronze.

Councilman Otey moved that Council approve the design of the plaque for the Fairmont Cemetery columns. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman Grahame, voted upon and carried unanimously.

The City Manager stated that it is the policy in many jurisdictions to present a retiring police officer with his service weapon. Section 59.1-148.3 of the Code of Virginia provides that a retiring police officer may purchase his service handgun for the price of one dollar. The Finance Committee has recommended that retiring City police officers who have completed 25 years of active service be allowed to purchase their service handguns.

The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

**RESOLUTION ON POLICY ALLOWING RETIRING  
POLICE OFFICERS TO PURCHASE SERVICE HANDGUNS**

**WHEREAS**, Section 59.1-148.3 of the Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, provides for retiring police officers to purchase their service handguns at a price of one dollar; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Bedford agrees with the above provision of the Code of Virginia and wishes to offer its retiring police officers this opportunity;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Bedford shall allow retiring police officers with 25 years of active service to purchase their service handguns at a price of one dollar.

Councilman Rice moved that the resolution be adopted. The motion was seconded by Councilman Tharp, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote:

Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

On motion by Councilman Rice, seconded by Councilwoman Kochendarfer, voted upon and carried unanimously by a roll call vote, Council adjourned into executive session pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(7), Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, for Consultation with Legal Counsel and Staff on Consolidation Issues; and pursuant to Section 2.1-344(a)(3), Code of Virginia of 1950, as amended, regarding Proposed D-Day Memorial Sites and Library Property. Roll call vote follows:

Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
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Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:57 p.m. after a five minute recess declared by the Mayor. Non-council members attending were: City Manager Gross, City Attorney Berry, and Clerk of the Council Hatcher.

Council reconvened into open session at 11:06 p.m. The Clerk of Council read aloud the following proposed resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Bedford hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the executive meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the executive meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Council.

On motion by Councilwoman Grahame, seconded by Councilman Rice, voted upon and carried unanimously by the following roll call vote, Council approved the resolution:

Councilman Otey	aye
Councilman Rice	aye
Councilman Tharp	aye
Vice Mayor Brookshier	aye
Councilwoman Grahame	aye
Councilwoman Kochendarfer	aye
Mayor Shelton	aye

Mayor Shelton adjourned the meeting at 11:07 p.m.